in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 15, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 519, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating Consolidated Common School District No. 1 of Castro county, Texas, and validating an issue of bonds heretofore voted by said district, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

THIRTIETH DAY.

(Monday, February 19, 1923.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Seagler.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Abney. Dodd. Downs. Amsler. Arnold. Driggers. Atkinson. Duffey. Avis. Dunlap. Baker of Milam. Dunn. Baker of Orange. Durham. Baldwin. Edwards. Barker. Fields. Barrett. Finlay. Bell. Frnka. Bird. Fugler. Bonham. Gipson. Brady. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Bryant. Burmeister. Hardin of Kaufman. Cable. Carpenter Harrington. of Dallask Harris. Carpenter Henderson of Matagorda. of Marion. Carson. Henderson Carter of Coke. of McLennan. Chitwood. Hendricks. Coffee. Houston. Collins. Howeth. Hull. Covey Crawford. Irwin. Culp. Jacks. Davenport. Jennings. Davis. Jones. DeBerry. Kemble. Dinkle.

Laird.

Lamb. Rice. Lane. Robinson. LeMaster. Rogers. LeStourgeon. Russell of Trinity. Loftin. Sackett. McBride. Sanford. McDaniel. Shearer. McDonald. Shires. McFarlane. McKean. Simpson. Smith. McNatt. Sparkman. Martin. Stell. Mathes. Stewart Maxwell. of Edwards. Merritt. Stewart of Jasper. Montgomery. Stewart of Reeves. Morgan of Liberty. Storey. Stroder. Morgan Sweet. of Robertson. Thompson. Patman. Thrasher. Perdue. Vaughan. Pinkston. Wells. Pool. \mathbf{W} essels. Williamson. Pope. Potter. Wilmans. Price. Wilson. Purl. Winfree. Quaid. Young.

Absent.

Faubion. Rowland. Russell Green. Hughes. of Callahan. Johnson. Stevens. Looney.

Absent—Excused.

Moore. Beasley. Blount. Pate. Bobbitt. Patterson. Carter of Hays. Quinn. Rountree. Cowen. Dielmann. Satterwhite. Lackey. Stiernberg. Lewis. Strickland. Lusk. Teer. Turner. Melson. Merriman. Wallace. ${f Westbrook.}$ Miller.

A quorum was announced present. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Hughes, for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Henderson of Mc-Lennan.

Mr. Miller, for today, on motion of Mr. Maxwell.

Mr. Moore, for today, on motion of Mr. Dunn.

Mr. Westbrook, for today, on motion of Mr. Sweet.

Mr. Dielmann, for today, on motion of Mr. Young.

Mr. Melson, for today, on motion of Mr. Potter.

Mr. Faubion, for today, on motion of Mr. Fields.

Mr. Bobbitt, for today, on motion of Mr. Arnold.

Mr. Houston, for today, on motion of Mr. Arnold.

Mr. Quinn, for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Morgan of Liberty.

Mr. Blount, for today, on motion of Mr. Dunlap.

Mr. Rountree, for today, on motion of Mr. Covey.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of committee work:

Messrs. Beasley, Cowen, Lewis Harrington and Wallace, for today, on motion of Mr. Dinkle.

Messra. Pate, Teer, Satterwhite, Lackey and Patterson, for today, on motion of Mr. Coffee.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of sickness:

Mr. Merriman, for today, on motion of Mr. Quaid.

Mr. Turner, for today, on motion of Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Carter of Hays, for today, on motion of Mr. McKean.

Mr. Stevens, for last Friday, on motion of Mr. Laird.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Rogers (by request):

H. B. No. 579. A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the registration of auto vehicles by cities with a population of fifteen thousand or more, and requiring the display of a highway tax receipt before license will be issued."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Rogers (by request):

H. B. No. 580, A bill to be entitled

Chapter 8a, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirtyfifth Legislature, Fourth Called Session, Chapter 73, Title 3, as amended by Thirty-sixth Legislature, Chapter 113, Title 4, relating to county tax collector to transmit one-half of fees to State Highway Department, disposition of remainder."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Rogers (by request):

H. B. No. 581, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the construction and maintenance of four main cardinal highways by all counties within the State commencing at the north, south, east and west border lines and extending to the court house of said county."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Avis:

H. B. No. 582, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Fair iew Independent School District in Wichita county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees for said independent school district; describing their qualifications and terms of office; defining the rights, powers and privileges of said board; and conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of the State of Texas upon independent school districts and the boards of trustees thereof; providing for the creation of a board of trustees; providing for the raising of revenues; declaring valid a maintenance tax heretofore voted; and providing for the assessment and collection of said tax and for a board of equalization of said school district; and providing for the election of trustees thereof; providing for the transportation of pupils under certain conditions, and depealing all laws insofar as they may be in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on School Districts.

By Mr. Stewart of Reeves:

H. B. No. 583, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing the manner in which purchasers of public free school and asylum lands may fully pay their obligations for the same after their "An Act to amend Article 701 1-2v, of occupancy and proof of occupancy of

three years, and providing for the issuance of patents."

Referred to Committee on Public Lands and Buildings.

By Mr. Bell:

H. B. No. 584, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2853, Chapter 16, Title 48, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to more clearly define and describe the powers, rights, duties and privileges of the boards of trustees of independent school districts; and to amend Article 2861, Chapter 16, Title 48, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to define, in substance, all real, personal and corporate property subject to taxation for free school purposes and the manner of rendering the same; and providing for the addition of Articles 2861a to 2861y, inclusive, to Chapter 16, Title 48, Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911; providing adequate, effective and systematic laws, methods and procedure in the rendition, equalization, assessment and collection of all taxes authorized by law to be levied upon real, personal and corporate property subject to taxation for free school purposes in independent school districts; defining and prescribing the rights, powers, duties and privileges of the boards of trustees, boards of equalization, officers and employes of independent school districts; repealing all laws and parts of law in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Gipson:

H. B. No. 585, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 6, of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature so as to change the time and terms of holding the district court in the Seventy-eighth Judicial District of Texas, composed of Wichita county; to validate all process heretofore issued, bonds and recognizances heretofore taken in the courts of said district, and all judgments therein rendered or to be rendered; repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Simpson:

H. B. No. 586, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that judges before and sentenced to jail or penitentiary terms for not more than fifteen (15) years, shall ascertain the time such convicted person has remained in jail in connection with the offense whereof he stands convicted and shall antedate the sentence for such length of time as such convicted person shall have remained in

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Quaid, House bill No. 502 and Senate bill No. 135 were ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Sackett, Senate bill No. 158 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Bell, House bill No. 553 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Dunlap, House bill No. 556 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Gipson, House bill No. 566 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Pope, House bill No. 564 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Jacks, House bill No. 510 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Irwin, Senate bill No. 335 was ordered not printed.

SPECIAL ORDER SET.

On motion of Mr. Patman, House joint resolution No. 22 was set as a special order for 10 o'clock a. m. next Wednesday.

RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. Jacks, by unanimous consent, all House joint resolutions pending on the calendar of the House were set as a special order for 10 o'clock a. m. next Friday.

HOUSE BILL NO. 47 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 47, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section One (1) and Fifteen (15) of Chapter Eighty-one (81) of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, approved April 3, 1918, creating the Commission of Appeals of the State of Texas, whom persons are tried and convicted as amended by Chapter Thirty-four (34)

of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth (36th) Legislature, approved July 25, 1919, as amended by Chapter One Hundred Nineteen (119) of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-seventh (37th) Legislature, approved March 31, 1921, extending the term of said commission to the last Saturday in June, 1923, and providing for the appointment of judges for said extended term; providing for the extension of the term of said commission from the last Saturday in June, 1923, until the last Saturday in June, 1925, for the appointment of judges for said extended term; providing for the qualifications thereof and fixing the same, and providing and fixing the salaries of the same and the manner of payment thereof, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Potter offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 47 by striking out the word "first" just preceding the word "Saturday," in line 16, page 2, printed bill, and substituting therefor the word "last."

The amendment was adopted. House bill No. 47 was then passed by the following vote:

Yeas-88.

Mr. Speaker. Driggers. Amsler. Duffey. Arnold. Dunlap. Atkinson. Dunn. Durham. Avis. Edwards. Barker. Barrett. Fields. Frnka. Bell. Bird. Fugler. Bonham. Gipson. Brady. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Bryant. Burmeister. Harris. Cable. Henderson Carpenter of Marion. Henderson of Dallas. Carpenter of McLennan. of Matagorda. Houston. Carson. Howeth. Chitwood. Irwin. Coffee. Jacks. Collins. Jennings. Covey. Jones. Culp. Kemble. Davenport. Lane. DeBerry. Le Master. Dinkle. LeStourgeon. Downs. McBride.

McDaniel. Rogers. McDonald. Russell of Trinity. Sackett. McFarlane. McNatt. Sanford. Martin. Shearer. Shires. Mathes. Maxwell. Simpson. Merritt. Smith. Morgan Stewart of Liberty. of Edwards. Morgan Stewart of Jasper: of Robertson. Stroder. Patman. Sweet. Thrasher. Perdue. Pinkston. Vaughan. Pope. Wells. Potter. Williamson. Purl. Winfree. Quaid. Young. Robinson.

Nays-15.

Abney. Rice.
Crawford. Stell.
Davis. Stewart of Reeves.
Dodd. Storey.
Finlay. Thompson.
Loftin. Wessels.
Looney. Wilson.

Absent

Baker of Milam. Johnson. Baker of Orange. Laird. Lamb. Baldwin. Carter of Coke. Montgomery. Green. Patterson. Hardin Pool. Price. of Kaufman. Hendricks. Sparkman. Stevens. Hughes. Hull. Wilmans.

Absent-Excused.

Moore. Beasley. Blount. Pate. Bobbitt. Quinn. Carter of Hays. Rountree. Rowland. Cowen. Dielmann. Russell of Callahan. Faubion. Satterwhite. Harrington. Stiernberg. Lackey. Strickland. Lewis. Teer. Lusk. Melson. Turner. Wallace. Merriman. Westbrook. Miller.

Mr. Potter moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and asked to have the motion to reconsider spread on the Journal, and gave notice that he would tomorrow call up the motion to reconsider.

HOUSE BILL NO. 70 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 70, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2178, Chapter 24, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, making attorney's fees recoverable in certain cases, by adding thereto a provision making the attorney's fees recoverable in certain suits for loss of, or damage to, express shipments, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-100.

Mr. Speaker. Howeth. Abney. Hull. Amsler. Irwin. Arnold. Jacks. Atkinson. Jennings. Avis. Johnson. Barker. Jones. Barrett. Kemble. Bell. Laird. Bird. Lane. Bonham. LeMaster. Brady. LeStourgeon. Burmeister. Loftin. Cable. McBride. Carpenter McDaniel. of Dallas. McDonald. Carpenter McFarlane. of Matagorda. McNatt. Carter of Coke. Martin. Chitwood. Mathes. Coffee. Maxwell. Collins. Merritt. Covey. Morgan Crawford. of Liberty. Culp. Morgan of Robertson. Davenport. Davis. Patman. DeBerry. Perdue. Dinkle. Pinkston. Dodd. Potter. Downs. Price. Driggers. Purl. Duffey. Quaid. Dunlap. Rice. Dunn. Robinson. Durham. Rogers. Edwards. Russell of Trinity. Fields. Sackett. Frnka. Sanford. Fugler. Shearer. Gipson. Shires. Greer. Simpson. Hardin of Erath. Smith. Henderson Sparkman. of Marion. Stell. Henderson Stewart of McLennan. of Edwards. Houston. Stewart of Jasper.

Stewart of Reeves. Wells.
Stroder. Williamson.
Sweet. Wilmans.
Thompson. Wilson.
Thrasher. Winfree.
Vaughan.

Nays—5.

Carson. Storey. Finlay. Wessels. Looney.

Present-Not Voting.

Bryant. Harris. Hardin McKean. Young.

Absent.

Baker of Milam.
Baker of Orange.
Baldwin.
Green.
Hendricks.
Hughes.

Lamb.
Montgomery.
Patterson.
Pool.
Pope.
Stevens.

Absent—Excusea.

Beasley. Moore. Blount. Pate. Quinn. Bobbitt. Carter of Havs. Rountree. Cowen. Rowland. Dielmann. Russell Faubion. of Callahan. Harrington. Satterwhite. Lackey. Stiernberg. Lewis. Strickland. Teer. Lusk. Turner. Melson. Merriman. Wallace. Miller. Westbrook.

NOTICES GIVEN.

Mr. Greer gave notice that he would, on tomorrow call up for consideration at that time House bill No. 97, which bill had heretofore been laid on the table subject to call.

Mrs. Wilmans gave notice that she would on next Friday call up for consideration at that time House bill No. 86, which bill had heretofore been laid on the table subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 294 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 294, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Judicial Districts and to create the Ninety-third Judicial District of the State of Texas, and for the appointment of the district judge and

district attorney for said Ninety-third Judicial District, providing for holding the district courts and the terms thereof in the Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh and Ninety-third Judicial Districts, respectively, and providing that all process and writs heretofore issued, and all recognizances and bonds heretofore made and executed and returnable to existing terms of district court in the counties composing said districts, together with jurors heretofore selected, are valid and returnable to the first term of such court after this act takes effect, and providing for the continuation of the existing district courts in said counties in session when this act takes effect, to the end of their terms, repealing all conflicting laws, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Young offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 294 by striking out all of Section 3 and Section 4, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 3. The counties of Randall, Potter and Armstrong shall hereafter constitute the Forty-seventh Judicial District of Texas, and the terms of the district court shall be held therein each year as follows:

In Randall County.

First term beginning on the first Monday in January.

Second term beginning on the first Monday in August and each term may continue in session three weeks.

In Potter County.

First term beginning on the fourth Monday in January and may continue in session ten weeks.

Second term beginning on the twelfth Monday after the fourth Monday in January and may continue in session ter weeks.

Third term beginning on the fourth Monday in August and may continue in session eight weeks.

Fourth term to begin on the tenth Monday after the fourth Monday in August and may remain in session until the business is disposed of.

In Armstrong County.

On the tenth Monday after the fourth Monday in January and the ninth Monday after the fourth Monday in August and may continue in session two weeks at each term.

Sec. 4. The Ninety-third Judicial Durham. District of Texas is hereby created and Edwards. shall be composed of the counties of Fugler.

Childress, Hall, Donley and Collingsworth, and the terms of court shall be held therein each year as follows:

In Childress County.

On the first Mondays in January and August and may continue in session five weeks.

In Hall County.

On the fifth Monday after the first Mondays in January and August and may continue in session six weeks at each term.

In Donley County.

On the eleventh Monday after the first Mondays in January and August and may continue in session five weeks at each term.

In Collingsworth County.

On the sixteenth Monday after the first Mondays in January and August and may continue in session until all business is disposed of.

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 294 was then finally passed by the following vote:

Yeas-100.

Mr. Speaker. Gipson. Greer. Amsler. Arnold. Hardin of Erath. Hardin Avis. of Kaufman. Barrett. Henderson Bell. of Marion. Bird. Henderson Bonham. Brady. of McLennan. Houston. Bryant. Burmeister. Howeth. Cable. Hull. Irwin. Carpenter of Dallas. Jacks. Carpenter Jennings. of Matagorda. Johnson. Carson. Jones. Carter of Coke. Kemble. Chitwood. Laird. Coffee. Lamb. Collins. Lane. LeMaster. Covey. Crawford. LeStourgeon. Culp. Loftin. Davenport. McBride. Davis. McDaniel. DeBerry. McDonald. Dinkle. McFarlane. Dodd. McNatt. Downs. Martin. Driggers. Mathes. Duffey. Maxwell. Dunlap. Merritt. Dunn. Morgan Durham. of Liberty. Morgan of Robertson.

Smith. Patman. Sparkman. Perdue. Pinkston. Stell. Stewart of Jasper. Pool. Stewart of Reeves. Pope. Potter. Storey. Price. Stroder. Thompson. Purl. Thrasher. Quaid. Vaughan. Robinson. Wells. Rogers. Williamson. Russell of Trinity. Wilmans. Sackett. Wilson. Sanford. Winfree. Shearer. Young. Shires. Simpson.

Nays-7.

Abney. Atkinson. Barker. Fields. Looney.
Rice.
Stewart
of Edwards.

Present-Not Voting.

Harris.

McKean.

Absent.

Baker of Milam.
Baker of Orange.
Baldwin.
Finlay.
Frnka.
Green.
Hendricks.
Hughes.
Montgomery.
Patterson.
Stevens.
Sweet.
Wessels.

Absent—Excused.

Beasley. Moore. Blount. Pate. Quinn. Bobbitt. Carter of Hays. Rountree. Cowen. Rowland. Dielmann. Russell Faubion. of Callahan. Harrington. Satterwhite. Lackey. Stiernberg. Strickland. Lewis. Lusk. Teer. Melson. Turner. Wallace. Merriman. Miller. Westbrook.

Mr. Burmeister moved a call of the House for the purpose of maintaining a quorum until 12 o'clock m. today, and the call was seconded.

The Speaker then directed the Door-keeper to close the main entrance to the Hall and instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock all other doors leading from the Hall, and stated that no member would be permitted to leave the Hall without written permission from the Speaker.

The roll was called and a quorum was announced present.

RELATING TO ENTERTAINMENT BY AMATEUR CHORAL CLUB.

Mr. Smith offered the following resolution:

Whereas, By Senate concurrent resolution No. 13 the Amateur Choral Club of Austin was invited to render a program in the House of Representatives on the evening of February 19 at 8 p. m.; and

Whereas, Because of the fact that it will be impossible for the club to render such program on the evening of February 19 because of the illness of members thereof, and they desire to postpone such program to the evening of Tuesday, February 27, at 8 p. m.; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be extended to the Amateur Choral Club of Austin to render a program on the evening of Tuesday, February 27, at 8 p. m. instead of February 19 at 8 p. m.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 109 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Melson, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 109, A bill to be entitled "An Act levying an occupation tax on all individuals, companies, corporations or associations engaged in the business of severing natural resources from the soil or water, except oil, within this State; providing for the collection and disposition of said tax; requiring all the individuals, companies, corporations or associations engaged in such business to file certain statements and reports with the State Comptroller of Public Accounts; fixing a penalty for failure to file said statements and reports, making it the duty of the State Comptroller of Public Accounts to enforce the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House and it was read second time.

Mr. Culp offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 109, line 24, page 1, after the word "coal" add "lignite shall not be construed to mean coal."

Signed—Culp, Baker of Milam.

Question—Shall the amendment be adopted?

On motion of Mr. Cable, further consideration of the bill was postponed until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, February 19, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. B. No. 301, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the State Insurance Commission to make, establish promulgate classification of hazards and rates of premium under the Workmen's Compensation Law of this State and to prescribe standard workmen's compensation policy forms; requiring all companies and associations writing workmen's compensation insurance to use the classifications, rates, and policy established, promulgated and prescribed by the commission; providing for the use of classifications, rates and forms now on file with and approved by the Commissioner of Insurance until classifications, rates and policy forms have been made and prescribed by the commission; requiring the commission to assemble data for use in establishing classifications and rates, and requiring the Commissioner of Insurance to deliver to the commission all data under his control now used in establishing classification, rates and policy forms; authorizing and empowering the commissioner to require sworn statements from insurance companies and associations containing statistical data, and requiring the commission to describe necessary forms for such statements; fixing the manner in which the commisshall determine hazards and describing the kind and character of rates which shall be fixed, and providing what data shall be taken into consideration by the commission in fixing rates; providing for hearings before the commission and the manner in which the same shall be conducted; requiring the use of uniform policies for workmen's compensation insurance but allowing any company or association to use any form or endorsement appropriate to its plan of operation providing the same shall diminish its liability to pay the compensation provided for in the Workmen's Compensation Law; provid-

men's compensation insurance on the mutual, reciprocal or Lloyd's plan, and that no stock company or other company or association shall be prohibited from sharing profits of policy holders but providing that no dividends to policy holders shall take effect until approved by the commission; fixing the salaries of the members of the commission hereunder and providing for expenditures to meet expenses hereunder, and fixing a maximum amount of such salaries and expenditures, and providing for the annual assessment and collection of a tax or premium for workmen's insurance policies to defray the salaries and expenses of the commission hereunder, and providing that any unexpected balance shall be transferred to the general revenue of the State; empowering the commission to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations; negativing the application hereto of any provisions creating the State Insurance Commission; defining the words company and association; repealing Section 16a and 17 of Part 3 and part of Section 2 of Part 4 of Chapter 103 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, known as the Workmen's Compensation Law, and all other sections or parts of sections of said law and all other laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith or any provisions hereof; providing that if any part of this act be held unconstitutional it shall not affect any other part of this act, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 309, A bill to be entitled "An Act constituting Bexar county the Thirty-seventh, Forty-fifth, Fifty-seventh, Seventy-third and Ninety-fourth Judicial Districts; providing for the present judges of the Thirty-seventh, Forty-fifth, Fifty-seventh and Seventythird Judicial Districts to continue to hold their offices for the respective terms for which they were elected; the appointment of a suitable person by the Governor as judge of the Ninety-fourth Judicial District to hold until the next general election; prescribing the jurisdiction of said courts and providing for the election of judges thereof, and for the district attorney of the Thirtyseventh Judicial District to be the district attorney of all of said courts; and providing the terms of said courts; and providing for the empaneling of grand juries in the Thirty-seventh. Forty-fifth, ing that no company or association and Ninety-fourth Judicial Districts, shall be prohibited from writing work- and providing that the said grand juries shall return all bills of indictment to the court in which said grand jury was empaneled; and providing that said Thirty-seventh, Forty-fifth and Ninetyfourth Judicial District courts shall give preference to the trial of criminal cases; and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate concurred in House amendments to Senate bill No. 108.

And concurred in House amendment to Senate bill No. 105.

Respectfully, RICHARD BLALOCK, Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 361 ON SECOND READING.

'On motion of Mr. McNatt, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading

and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 361, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 16, of Chapter 190, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, as amended by Section 2, of Chapter 71, of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirtyfifth Legislature as amended by Section - Chapter 113, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, as amended by Chapter 131, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, as amended by Chapter 52, of the General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, providing for and increasing the annual license fees on motor vehicles; providing for applications for registration; providing for annual license fees for trailers and semi-trailers and tractors; providing penalties for failure to comply with the provisions of this act; providing certain described vehicles shall not be licensed or operated on public roads; providing for exceptions and special permits; amending Section 3, of Chapter 73, of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, as amended by Section 4. Chapter 113, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature relating to disposition of fees collected hereunder; providing for maintenance by the State and declaring increased fees primarily a trust fund for such maintenance: providing that in

event any section or provision of this act shall be held unconstitutional, the same shall not effect any other section or provision; and repealing all laws in conflict with this act."

The Epeaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time. . Mr. Williamson offered the following

amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 361 by striking out all below the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Section 1. That Section 16 of Chapter 190 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature. as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 113 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, as amended by Chapter 131 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, as amended by Chapter 52 of the General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirtyseventh Legislature, is hereby amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 16. Registration.—In order to provide funds to effectuate the provisions of this act every owner of a motor vehicle, tractor, trailer, semi-trailer or motorcycle in this State shall annually file in the office of the county tax collector of the county in which he resides or in which the vehicle to be registered is being operated an application for the registration of each motor vehicle, tractor, trailer, semi-trailer or motorcycle owned or controlled by him.

Sec. 2. That there shall be added to said Chapter 190, as amended, following Section 16 thereof, sixteen additional sections to be known as Sections 16A, 16B, 16C, 16D, 16E, 16F, 16G, 16H, 16I, 16J, 16K, 16L, 16M, 16N, 16O and 16P, which new sections shall read as set forth herein.

Sec. 3. That the newly added section to be known as Section 16A shall read as follows:

Section 16A. Each application for the registration of any motor vehicle, tractor, trailer, semi-trailer or motorcycle in the State shall be made on blank forms provided by the State Highway Department for this purpose. The county tax collector shall not issue a license to any person until such application has been

filled out in full and signed by the applicant. The requisite fee for the number of unexpired quarters for the calendar year shall accompany said application, which fee for the registration of a motorcycle for a full calendar year shall be five (\$5) dollars, and for the registration of a passenger motor vehicle shall be based upon the weight of the vehicle and upon the N. A. C. C. horsepower rating, as follows:

Weight of vehicle in pounds.	Fee per hundred lbs. or fraction thereof.	Fee per horsepower.
Class 1— 1-2000	40c 50c 60c 75c	171/20 171/20 171/20 171/20

Provided that the minimum fee, based on horsepower, as provided for herein, shall be \$4 for a full year.

Sec. 4. That the newly added section to be known as Section 16B shall read as follows:

Section 16B. Commercial Motor Vehicles.—For each motor vehicle designed or used for the transportation of property, the annual license fee shall be based upon the gross weight of the vehicle, including the body, plus its net carrying capacity, the tire equipment and the N. A. C. C. horsepower rating, as follows:

	Fee per hundred lbs. or fraction thereof of the carrying capacity plus the weight of vehicle.		Fee
Gross weight in lbs.	If equipped with pneumatic tires.	If equipped with solid rubber tires.	per horse- power
Class 1— 1- 6000 Class 2— 6001- 8000 Class 3— 8001-10000 Class 4—10001-12000 Class 5—12001-14000 Class 6—14001-16000 Class 7-16001-22000 Class 8—22001-and up	\$.30 .40 .50 .60 .80 1.20 1.60 4.00	\$.40 .50 .60 .80 1.00 1.50 2.00 5.00	\$.17½ .17½ .17½ .17½ .17½ .17½ .17½ .17½

Sec. 5. That the newly added section to be known as Section 16C shall read as follows:

Section 16C. For each trailer or semitrailer, drawn or designed to be drawn by a commercial motor vehicle, or tractor, the annual license fee shall be based upon the tire equipment and gross weight of vehicle and capacity load, as follows:

	Fee for Classes			
Gross Weight in Lbs.	with pneu-	If equipped with solid rubber tires	with	
Class 1— 1- 6000 Class 2— 6001- 8000 Class 3— 8001-10000 Class 4—10001-12000 Class 5—12001-14000 Class 6—14001-16000 Class 7—16001-20000 Class 8—20001 and up	\$ 0.30 .40 .50 .60 .80 1.20 1.60 4.00	\$ 0.40 .50 .60 .80 1.00 1.50 2.00 5.00	\$ 1.00 1.25 1.50 2.00 2.50 3.00 4.00 6.00	

Sec. 6. That the newly added section to be known as Section 16D shall read as follows:

Section 16D. The word "tractor" where used in this act shall be construed to mean any self-propelled vehicle designed or used as a traveling power plant or for drawing other vehicles, but having no provision for carrying loads on its own structure.

For each tractor used upon the highways of this State the annual license fee shall be based upon the weight of the tractor as follows:

1- 4000	lbs		\$0,25 per cwt,
4001- 6000	lba	<i></i>	50 per cwt.
			60 per cwt,
			75 per cwt.
			1.00 per cwt,
16001-20000	lbe		2.00 per cwt.

The State Highway Department shall furnish or cause to be furnished to each applicant to register a trailer, semitrailer or tractor, a license number plate, which shall be attached thereto so as to be plainly visible from the rear of such vehicle. The operation of any such vehicle without having attached thereto a license plate which has been issued for the vehicle for the calendar year then current, shall constitute a misdemeanor, punishable by fine not exceeding two hundred (\$200) dollars.

Sec. 7. That the newly added section to be known as Section 16E shall read as follows:

Section 16E. Motor Busses.—Owners of passenger motor vehicles shall pay in addition to the fee of seventeen and one-half cents (17 1-2c) per horsepower and the weight fee provided therefor, an additional registration fee of one (\$1) dollar for each number of passengers the motor vehicle will seat in excess of seven passengers. Any owner of a motor vehicle with a seating capacity of more than seven passengers who shall fail or refuse to comply with

this section shall be fined in any sum not more than two hundred (\$200) dollars.

Sec. 8. That the newly added section to be known as Section 16F shall read as follows:

Section 16F. If any person shall operate, or permit to be operated, any motor vehicle licensed under this act of a greater weight than stated in his declaration or application, he shall be liable to pay to the tax collector of any county in Texas, through or into which he shall operate, or cause to be operated, such vehicle, the full license fee provided for the class to which such motor vehicle properly belongs, said fee to be apportioned as provided for herein.

Sec. 9. That the newly added section to be known as Section 16G shall read as follows:

Section 16G. No motor vehicle shall be operated upon or along any public road in this State, without first having been registered as provided in this act, and no such vehicle shall be operated under or by virtue of any license, however obtained, for a class other than that to which such vehicle properly belongs. Any peace officer in Texas is hereby authorized to detain any such vehicle being operated without a license, or under a license for a class to which the vehicle does not belong, and not permit the same to be operated until the owner or operator thereof shall have obtained the necessary and proper license. No refund or credit shall be allowed any person, firm or corporation for any fee or license paid, upon false declaration or application, but the fee for the proper class of such vehicle shall be paid as though the same had not been licensed or registered. Any peace officer in Texas shall be allowed, by deduction of the tax collector from the total fee collected from any owner or operator having made a false declaration or application of weight, ten (10) per cent of the power fee when said peace officer has enforced the payment of same by the detention of said vehicle or the arrest of the owner or operator of such vehicle.

Sec. 10. That the newly added section to be known as Section 16H shall read as follows:

Section 16H. No motor vehicle shall be licensed under this act whose gross weight, including load, is greater than 650 pounds per inch width of tire, or more than 6000 pounds on any one

wheel, or whose body is wider than 90 inches. No motor vehicle shall be operated upon public highways with a load greater than 10 per cent in excess of its registered carrying capacity.

Sec. 11. That the newly added section to be known as Section 16I shall read as follows:

Section 16I. Computation of Fees.—For all purposes of this act, the horse-power of any motor vehicle, except electric or steam driven vehicles, shall be determined by the formula commonly known as the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce formula, being as follows:

Square the diameter of the bore of the cylinder in inches, multiply by the number of cylinders and divide by two and one-half.

Steam Vehicles.—For the purpose of this act the horsepower of any steam driven vehicle shall be computed by the system of horsepower rating adopted by the United States Government.

Electric Vehicles.—For vehicles propelled by electricity the rating shall be the normal horsepower designated by the manufacturer of the electric motor or motors used therein.

Sec. 12. That the newly added section to be known as Section 16J shall read as follows:

Section 16J. Basis of Weight Fees.-In the computation of the fees for all passenger motor vehicles and tractors the actual weight shall be the weight of the vehicles in pounds, fully provisioned and equipped for use on the highways. In the computation of the fees for all commercial motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers, the gross weight shall be determined by adding the actual weight of vehicles, including body, to the carrying capacity of the vehicle. The Highway Department shall compile and furnish to the tax collectors a schedule of weights of the various makes and models of motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, which weights shall be ascertained from the actual weighing of the vehicles fully provisioned with water, oil and fuel and equipped with the manufacturer's standard equipment, or from certified statements of the manufacturers of the various vehicles or vehicle bodies, and no applicant shall be permitted to register any such vehicle upon a declared weight less than that shown for the vehicle to be registered in said schedule.

Sec. 13. That the newly added sec-

tion to be known as Section 16K shall read as follows:

Section 16K. Disputed Classifications.—The Highway Department shall have the authority in disputed cases to determine the classification in which any vehicle belongs and the amount of fee which shall be paid therefor.

Sec. 14. That the newly added section to be known as Section 16L shall read as follows:

Section 16L. No commercial motor vehicle shall be licensed or operated in this State until said vehicle shall have been equipped with a rear-view mirror placed and maintained so that the driver shall at all times be able to see other vehicles approaching from the rear. No motor vehicle trailer, semi-trailer or tractor shall be operated upon the highways of this State if equipped with solid rubber tires less than one inch in thickness at any point from the surface to the rim, or if equipped with pneumatic tires when one or more of such tires has been removed. Any person or persons driving or operating or permitting to be operated any commercial motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer or tractor. whose gross weight per inch width of tire, or on any one wheel, exceeds the maximum weights prescribed herein or which is not equipped with a rear-view mirror, or whose tire equipment does not meet the requirements of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not exceeding two hundred (\$200) Any person guilty of the violation of any provision of this act expressly forbidding the doing of any particular thing or act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined for each offense in any sum not exceeding \$200.

Sec. 15. That the newly added section to be known as Section 16M shall read as follows:

Section 16M. Notices in Wet Weather.—The county commissioners of any precinct or county road superintendent of any county, or road supervisor whose road is affected, may have the authority by posting notices on the highways when from wet weather or recent construction or repairs such cannot be safely used without probable serious damages to same, or when the bridge or culverts on same are unsafe, to forbid the use of such highway or section thereof to any vehicle or loads of such weight or tires of such character as will unduly damage such highway. The notices provided for

herein shall state the maximum load permitted and the time such use is prohibited and shall be posted upon the highway in such place as will enable the drivers to make detours to avoid the restricted highways or portions thereof.

Sec. 16. That the newly added section to be known as Section 16N shall read as follows:

Section 16N. Procedure in Case of Complaint.—Provided further that if the owner or operator of any such vehicle feels himself aggrieved by such action, he may complain in writing to the county judge of such county, setting forth the nature of his grievance. Upon the filing of such complaint the county judge shall forthwith set down for hearing the issue thus raised for a day certain, not more than three days later, and shall give notice in writing to such official of the day and purpose of each hearing and at such hearing the county judge shall hear testimony offered by the parties, respectively, and upon conclusion thereof shall render judgment sustaining, revoking or modifying such order heretofore made by the county road superintendent or road supervisor, and the judgment of the county judge shall be final as to the issues raised. If upon such hearing the judgment sustains the order of the county road superintendent or road supervisor and it appears that any violation of same has been committed by the complainant since posting such notices, he shall be subject to the same penalty hereinafter provided for such offense as if the same had been committed subsequent to the rendition of such judgment made upon such hearing.

Sec. 17. That the newly added section to be known as Section 160 shall read as follows:

Section 160. Penalty.—Any person guilty of violating the provisions and direction of such order of the county road superintendent or road supervisor, before or after it has been approved by such judgment of the county judge, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined in any sum not exceeding two hundred (\$200) dollars.

Sec. 18. That the newly added section to be known as Section 16P shall read as follows:

same are unsafe, to forbid the use of such highway or section thereof to any vehicle or loads of such weight or tires of such character as will unduly damage over a public highway or bridge shall such highway. The notices provided for

all damages which said highway or bridge may sustain as the result of negligent driving, operating or moving of such vehicle or as a result of operating same at a time forbidden by the road superintendent or road supervisor, and the amount of such damages may be recovered in an action by law by the county judge for the use of the county and such recovery shall go to the benefit of the damaged road. It is hereby made the duty of the county attorney to represent the county in the prosecution of such suits.

Sec. 19. That Section 3 of Chapter 73 of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 113 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, shall be amended so that said Section 3 shall hereafter read as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the county tax collector on Monday of each week to deposit in the county depository of his county to the credit of the road and bridge fund of that county an amount equal to seventeen and one-half cents per horsepower of every vehicle registered in such county, this amount to be deducted from the gross registration fees collected during the preceding week, and to transmit the balance of such fees to the State Highway Department."

Sec. 20. On January 1, 1924, the State Highway Commission shall, and it is hereby required to, take over and maintain the various highways designated as State highways through the various counties, and maintain same insofar as funds are made available therefor out of the State highway fund. The counties shall be free to use any fund apportioned to them by this act on any county roads they might deem necessary or expedient.

Sec. 21. Prior to January 1, 1924, the State Highway Commission shall work out and publish a systematic and full budget and plan of maintenance of the various roads in the several counties of the State, making up the State and Federal system of roads. This program, with its method, manner and period of maintenance, and the instrumentalities to be used therein, shall be published in a bulletin, a copy of which shall be furnished each commissioners court in Texas, and any other persons who may apply for same.

Sec. 22. The license fee prescribed in this act shall be for a full calendar year; and if any such license fee does not become due until the second, third or fourth quarter of any calendar year, the fee paid for a license for the remainder of the year shall be three-fourths, one-half, and one-fourth, respectively, of the annual fee.

Sec. 23. In event any section or provision of this bill should for any reason be held unconstitutional by the courts of this State, the same shall not affect any other section or provision of the bill, and the Legislature does hereby declare that it would have enacted each and all of the provisions of this bill without reference to any other section or provision.

Sec. 24. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. Sec. 25. The license fees prescribed in the act for commercial motor vehicles, tractors, trailers and semi-trailers shall be charged for all such vehicles registered for the remainder of the calendar year 1923, and for subsequent calendar years; and the license fees prescribed in this act for passenger motor vehicles shall be charged for the registration of all passenger cars registered for the calendar year 1924, and for subsequent calendar years.

Sec. 26. The fact that a decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals has rendered inoperative certain important provisions of the law relating to commercial motor vehicles, tractors and trailers and that the unrestricted use of such vehicles on the public highways will result in the rapid destruction of the improved highways creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity for the suspension of the constitutional rule that bills shall be read on three several days in each house, and said rule is hereby suspended, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Mr. Jacks offered the following amendment to the amendment:

On page 1 of amendment, Section 16A of Section 3, line 2, after words "motor vehicle" add the words, "Provided this act shall apply only to motor vehicles used for commercial purposes, and that the rate for pleasure vehicles shall be 35 cents per horsepower upon the N. A. C. C. horsepower rating."

Mr. Burmeister raised a point of order on consideration of the amendment to the amendment on the ground that the provision of the amendment to the amendment would make the bill unconstitutional.

The Speaker declined to rule on the point of order, stating that he would submit the matter to the House for its decision in its vote on the amendment.

Mr. Burmeister moved to table the amendment by Mr. Jacks.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-72.

Amsler. Johnson. Jones. Avis. Baker of Milam. Kemble. Bell. Lamb. Bird. LeStourgeon. Bonham. Looney. Bryant. McKean. Burmeister. McNatt. Maxwell. Carpenter of Matagorda. Morgan of Liberty. Carter of Coke. Chitwood. Morgan of Robertson. Coffee. Patman. Collins. Pinkston. Culp. Davenport. Pool. Pope. Davis. Dinkle. Potter. Dodd. Price. Quaid. Rice. Downs. Driggers. Duffey. Robinson. Dunlap. Rogers. Dunn. Russell of Trinity. Durham. Sackett. Edwards. Sanford. Fields. Shearer. Simpson. Frnka. Fugler. Smith. Sparkman. Gipson. Green. Stell. Stewart of Jasper. Hardin Stewart of Reeves. of Kaufman. Harris. Sweet. Henderson Thrasher. Wells. of Marion. Houston. Williamson.

Nays-34.

Young.

Hull.

Irwin.

Greer. Abney. Hardin of Erath. Arnold. Baker of Orange. Henderson of McLennan. Baldwin. Barker. Hendricks. Brady. Howeth. Cable. Jacks. DeBerry. Jennings. Finlay. Laird.

Lane. Perdue. LeMaster. Purl. Loftin. Storey. McBride. Stroder. McDaniel. Thompson. McFarlane. Vaughan. Martin. Wessels. Wilson. Mathes. Merritt.

Absent.

Atkinson. McDonald. Barrett. Montgomery. Carpenter Pate. of Dallas. Patterson. Carson. Shires. Stevens. Covey. Crawford. Stewart of Edwards. Dielmann. Faubion. Wilmans. Winfree. Hughes.

Absent—Excused.

Beasley. Rountree. Blount. Rowland. Bobbitt. Russell Carter of Hays. of Callahan. Cowen. Satterwhite. Harrington. Quinn. Lackey. Stiernberg. Lewis. Strickland. Lusk. Teer. Melson. Turner. Merriman. Wallace. Miller. Westbrook. Moore.

Question—Shall the amendment be adopted?

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, February 19, 1923. Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. B. No. 141, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the practice of medicine; amending certain articles and adding new articles to Title 90, Chapter 1 of the Civil Statutes of Texas; amending certain articles and adding new articles to Title 12, Chapter 6 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, as follows: By amending Article 5737 of the Civil Statutes, prescribing certain duties of district clerks relating to license to practice medicine; making it the duty of county health officers to keep informed as to the death and removal of physicians from the county of their resi-

dence and report such deaths and removals to district clerks; and making it the duty of the secretary of the State Board of Medical Examiners, upon notice of the cancellation of the license of any physician, to certify the fact to district clerks; by amending Article 5739 of the Civil Statutes so as to leave it optional with the Board of Medical Examiners the time when, the subjects in which, and the fee for which an applicant who has failed to pass examination may take a subsequent examination; by amending Article 5741 of said Civil Statutes, authorizing the State Board of Medical Examiners at its discretion to conduct examinations in two parts, and prescribing the fee to be paid by the applicant for each examination; by amending Chapter 129, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, approved March 24, 1919, to be known hereafter as Article 5744a of said Civil Statutes, giving authority to and making it the duty of any practitioner of medicine for reasons enumerated, and prescribing the procedure to be followed in such cases; by adding a new article to said Civil Statutes, to be numbered Article 5744b, to prevent by means of writ of injunction, at the suit of the State, the State Board of Medical Examiners, or any citizen of the county of the defendant's residence, the actual, threatened or contemplated practice of medicine in violation of the law; by amending Article 750 of the Penal Code, making it unlawful for any person to practice medicine without first taking the oath prescribed by law and having his license registered by the district clerk of the county where he is located, or into which he may remove; by adding a new article to Chapter 6, Title 12, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, to be Article 750a, making it unlawful for any person to practice medicine after his license has been canceled by the State Board of Medical Examiners, or by any court of competent jurisdiction, and providing as a punishment therefor confinement in the penitentiary and disqualification thereafter to be licensed to practice medicine; by amending Chapter 6 of Title 12 of the Penal Code by adding a new article to be numbered Article 756a, making it the crime of false swearing, a felony, for any applicant for license to practice medicine to make a false oath in his application to the Board of Medical Examiners, or to make a false oath before the district clerk to secure registration o'clock p. m. today.

of his license; providing that if any section, or part of a section, provision, penalty, right, or remedy contained in this act shall be held unconstitutional, invalid, or inoperative, it shall not affect the remaining sections, parts of sections, provisions, rights, or remedies prescribed by this act; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 316, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of the unexpended balance of the American Legion Memorial Sanatorium appropriation; and appropriating for said sanatorium the amount received from the American Legion and Benevolent War Risk Society with authority to use said amount for the sanatorium and to redeem any pledges or obligations to the donors of same in connection with said sanatorium, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully, RICHARD BLALOCK. Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

Senate bill No. 335, to the Judiciary

Committee.

Senate bill No. 267, to the Committee on Counties.

Senate bill No. 301, to the Committee on Insurance.

INVITING MEMBERS TO CONCERT BY BLIND STUDENTS.

Texas School for the Blind, Austin, Texas, February 19, 1923. Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas.

The Texas School for the Dear sir: Blind extend to you and to the members of the House a most cordial invitation to an entertainment given by the pupils to the Thirty-eighth Legislature on Tuesday evening, February 27, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Very respectfully E. E. BRAMLETTE, Superintendent.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Price, the House, at 12 o'clock m., took recess until 2

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

Mr. Burmeister moved a call of the House for the purpose of maintaining a quorum until 5 o'clock p. m. today, and the call was duly seconded.

Question recurring on the motion for the call of the House, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-57.

Mr. Speaker. Jacks. Abney. Jennings. Amsler. Johnson. Le Master. Arnold. Loftin. Atkinson. McBride. Avis. Baker of Milam. McNatt. Baker of Orange. Martin. Bell. Mathes. Bonham. Melson. Burmeister. Merriman. Carpenter Patman. of Dallas. Perdue. Carpenter Rogers. of Matagorda. Rowland. Carson. Sackett. Carter of Coke. Shearer. Chitwood. Simpson. Davenport. Smith. DeBerry. Stevens. Dinkle. Stewart Dunn. of Edwards. Stewart of Jasper. Fugler. Stewart of Reeves. Gipson. Green. Storey. Hardin of Erath. Sweet. Harris. Thrasher. Henderson Wells. of Marion. Williamson. Houston. Winfree. Howeth. Young. Irwin.

Nays-48.

Baldwin. Greer. Barker. Hardin Barrett. of Kaufman. Bird. Henderson Bryant. of McLennan. Cable. Jones. Coffee. Kemble. Culp. Laird. Davis. Lamb. Dodd. Lane. Driggers. Looney. Duffey. McDaniel. Dunlap. McFarlane. Durham. McKean. Maxwell. Edwards. Fields. Merritt. Finlay. Morgan Frnka. of Liberty.

Pinkston. Shires.
Pool. Sparkman.
Price. Stell.
Purl. Thompson.
Quaid. Vaughan.
Rice. Wessels.
Russell of Trinity. Wilson.
Sanford.

Present-Not Voting.

Pope.

Potter.

Absent.

Brady.
Collins.
Covey.
Crawford.
Downs.
Hughes.
Hull.
LeStourgeon.

McDonald.
Montgomery.
Morgan
of Robertson.
Stroder.
Wilmans.

Absent—Excused.

Beasley. Pate. Patterson. Blount. Quinn. Bobbitt. Rountree. Carter of Hays. Russell Cowen. of Callahan. Dielmann. Faubion. Satterwhite. Stiernberg. Harrington. Strickland. Hendricks. Lackey. Teer. Turner. Lewis. Wallace. Lusk. Westbrook. Miller. Moore.

The Speaker then directed the Door-keeper to close the main entrance to the Hall and instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock all other doors leading from the Hall, and stated that no membed would be permitted to leave the Hall without written permission from the Speaker.

HOUSE BILL NO. 361 ON ENGROSS-MENT.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being House bill No. 361, providing for motor vehicle licenses, on its passage to engrossment, with amendment by Mr. Williamson pending.

Mr. Jacks offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment to House bill No. 361, on page 7, Section 20, third line, by striking out the rest of the paragraph and substitute the following: "All receipts from increased license fees provided for herein shall be de-

posited in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Highway Maintenance Fund and shall be used first, for Pinkston the maintenance of State highways and shall not be diverted to any other use until all such roads are properly maintained and the county through which said highways pass shall be free from any costs, expense or supervision of such highways."

Mr. Pope offered the following substitute for the amendment to the amendment:

Amend amendment to House bill No. 361 by adding at the end of Section 19, page 7, the following: "And said State Highway Department shall immediately after receipt of such balance deposit same in the State Treasury, and no part of such funds shall be paid out except by virtue of specific appropriation of the Legislature, but this direct limitation on the expenditure of such balance shall not preclude apportionment of such balance or part thereof to the various counties of this State, to be used in constructing and maintaining State highways."

Mr. Green moved the previous question on the pending substitute and the amendment to the amendment, and the

main question was ordered.

(Pending consideration of the substitute Mr. Chitwood occupied the chair temporarily.)

(Speaker in the chair.)

Question recurring on the substitute by Mr. Pope, yeas and nays were demanded.

The substitute was lost by the following vote:

Yeas-57.

Abney. Hardin of Erath. Amsler. Hardin Atkinson. of Kaufman. Henderson Avis. Baldwin. of McLennan. Barker. Houston. Barrett. Howeth. Bryant. Hull. Cable. Jacks. Carson. Jennings. Covey. Laird. Crawford. Lane. Davis. LeMaster. DeBerry. Loftin. Dinkle. Looney. Dodd. McBride. Downs. McDaniel. Driggers. McDonald. Duffey. McFarlane. Finlay. Mathes. Frnka. Maxwell.

Stewart of Edwards. Pinkston. Storey. Pope. Thompson. Rice. Vaughan. Rowland. Wessels. Stell.

Nays-64.

Arnold. McNatt. Baker of Milam. Martin. Baker of Orange. Merriman. Morgan Bell. Bird. of Liberty. Morgan Bonham. Brady. of Robertson. Burmeister. Patman. Carpenter Pool. of Dallas. Potter. Carpenter Price. of Matagorda. Purl. Carter of Coke. Quaid. Chitwood. Robinson. Collins. Rogers. Russell of Trinity. Culp. Davenport. Sackett. Dunn. Sanford. Durham. Shearer. Edwards. Shires. Fields. Simpson. Fugler. Smith. Gipson. Sparkman. Green. Stevens. Stewart of Jasper. Greer. Harris. Stroder. Henderson Sweet. of Marion. Thrasher. Hendricks. Wells. Irwin. Williamson. Johnson. Wilmans. Wilson. Jones. Kemble. Winfree. Young. Lamb.

Absent.

LeStourgeon.

Dunlap. Montgomery. Hughes. McKean. Stewart of Reeves.

Absent—Excused.

Beasley. Moore. Blount. Pate. Patterson. Bobbitt. Carter of Hays. Quinn. Rountree. Coffee. Cowen. Russell of Callahan. Dielmann. Satterwhite. Faubion. Stiernberg. Harrington. Lackey. Strickland. Lewis. Teer. Lusk. Turner. Melson. Wallace. Miller. Westbrook.

Question then recurring the amendment by Mr. Jacks, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--82.

Amsler. Laird. Arnold. Lane. Baker of Milam. LeStourgeon. Baker of Orange. McBride. Barrett. McDaniel. Rell. McDonald. Bird. McFarlane. Brady. McNatt. Martin. Bryant. Burmeister. Maxwell. Carpenter Merriman. of Dallas. Merritt. Carpenter Montgomery. of Matagorda. Carter of Coke. Moore. Morgan of Liberty. Chitwood. Collins. Morgan Culp. of Robertson. Perdue. Davenport. DeBerry. Pinkston. Dinkle. Pool. Dodd. Potter. Downs. Price. Driggers. Purl. Duffey. Quaid. Robinson. Dunn. Durham. Rogers. Edwards. Sackett. Fields. Sanford. Frnka. Shearer. Fugler. Shires. Gipson. Simpson. Smith. Green. Hardin Sparkman. of Kaufman. Stevens. Harris. Stewart Henderson of Edwards. of Marion. Sweet. Henderson Thrasher. of McLennan. Vaughan. Howeth. Wells. Hull. Williamson. Wilmans. Irwin. Jacks. Winfree. Jennings. Young. Kemble.

Nays--34.

Greer. Abney. Hardin of Erath. Atkinson. Avis. Houston. Baldwin. Johnson. Barker. Jones. Bonham. Lamb. Cable. Le Master. Carson. Loftin. Looney. Covey. Mathes. Crawford. Davis. Patman. Finlay. Pope.

Rice. Storey.
Rowland. Stroder.
Russell of Trinity. Thompson.
Stell. Wessels.
Stewart of Jasper. Wilson.

Absent.

Coffee. Hughes.
Dunlap. McKean.
Hendricks. Stewart of Reeves.

Absent-Excused.

Beasley. Pate. Patterson. Blount. Quinn. Bobbitt. Carter of Hays. Rountree. Cowen. Russell of Callahan. Dielmann. Satterwhite. Faubion. Stiernberg. Harrington. Lackey. Strickland. Teer. Lewis. Lusk. Turner. Melson. Wallace. Miller. Westbrook.

Mr. Culp offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend House bill No. 361, page 1, Section 16A, by amending table of weights, fee per hundred pounds and fee per horsepower below the line by amending to read as follows: "Class 1, weight 1000-2000 pounds, 28 cents per hundred pounds, 15 cents per horsepower; class 2, 2001-3500 pounds, 35 cents per hundred pounds, 15 cents per horsepower; class 3, 3501-4500 pounds, 42 cents per hundred pounds, 15 cents per horsepower; class 4, 4501 pounds and up, 52 cents per hundred pounds, 15 cents per horsepower," and insert in last line, page 1, "\$2.70" in lieu of \$4."

Mr. Henderson of Marion moved to table the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded and the motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yeas-55.

Mr. Speaker. Coffee. Amsler. Collins. Arnold. Davenport. Baker of Milam. Dinkle. Baker of Orange. Dunn. Edwards. Bell. Fields. Brady. Burmeister. Fugler. Carpenter Gipson. of Dallas. Green. Carpenter Henderson of Matagorda. of Marion. Carter of Coke. Henderson Chitwood. of McLennan. Hull. Quaid. Rice. Johnson. Jones. Robinson. Kemble. Sackett. Sanford. Lamb. LeStourgeon. Shearer. McBride. Simpson. McNatt. Smith. Stewart of Reeves. Martin. Montgomery. Stroder. Morgan Thrasher. Vaughan. of Robertson. Wells. Patman. Williamson. Pinkston. Pool. Wilmans.

Navs-63.

Price.

Wilson.

Abney. Laird. Atkinson. Lane. Avis. LeMaster. Baldwin. Loftin. Barker. McDaniel. Barrett. McDonald. McFarlane. Bird. Bonham. Mathes. Maxwell. Bryant. Cable. Melson. Carson. Merriman. Covey. Merritt. Morgan of Liberty. Crawford. Culp. Perdue. Davis. DeBerry. Pope. Dodd. Potter. Downs. Purl. Rogers. Driggers. Duffey. Rowland. Russell of Trinity. Durham. Finlay. Shires. Frnka. Sparkman. Stell. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Stevens. Hardin Stewart of Edwards. of Kaufman. Harris. Stewart of Jasper. Hendricks. Storey. Houston. Sweet. Howeth. Thompson. Irwin. Wessels. Jacks. Young. Jennings.

Absent.

Dunlap. Hughes. Looney.

McKean. Winfree.

Absent-Excused.

Beasley.
Blount.
Bobbitt.
Carter of Hays.
Cowen.

Dielmann. Faubion. Harrington. Lackey. Lewis. Lusk. Russell Miller. of Callahan. Moore. Stiernberg. Pate. Strickland. Teer. Patterson. Quinn. Turner. Rountree. Wallace. Satterwhite. Westbrook.

Question then recurring on the amendment by Mr. Culp, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas-63.

Abney. Laird. Atkinson. Lane. Avis. LeMaster. Baldwin. Loftin. McBride. Barker. Barrett. McDaniel. McDonald. Bird. McFarlane. Bonham. Bryant. Mathes. Maxwell. Cable. Carson. Merriman. Coffee. Merritt. Morgan of Liberty. Covey. Crawford. Pinkston. Culp. Davis. Pope. DeBerry. Potter. Dodd. Rogers. Downs. Rowland. Russell of Trinity. Driggers. Duffey. Shires. Durham. Stell. Finlay. Stevens. Frnka. Stewart Hardin of Erath. of Edwards. Stewart of Jasper. Hardin of Kaufman. Storey. Harris. Stroder. Sweet. Thompson. Henderson of McLennan. Houston. Vaughan. Howeth. Wessels. Young. Jacks.

Nays-54.

Mr. Speaker.

Amsler.

Arnold.

Baker of Milam.

Baker of Orange.

Bell.

Brady.

Gi
Burmeister.

Gr
Carpenter

of Dallas.

Carpenter

of Matagorda.

Carter of Coke.

Chitwood.

Jennings.

Collins.
Davenport.
Dunn.
Edwards.
Fields.
Fugler.
Gipson.
Green.
Greer.
Henderson
of Marion.
Hendricks.

Hull. Johnson. Jones. Quaid. Kemble. Rice. Lamb. Robinson. LeStourgeon. Sackett. Looney. Sanford. McNatt. Shearer. Martin. Simpson. Montgomery. Smith. Sparkman. Morgan

of Robertson.
Patman.
Perdue.
Pool.
Price.
Purl.
Stewart of Reeves.
Wells.
Wells.
Williamson.
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Williamson.

Absent.

Dinkle. Dunlap. Hughes. Irwin. McKean. Winfree.

Absent-Excused.

Beasley. Pate. Patterson. Blount. Bobbitt. Quinn. Carter of Hays. Rountree. Cowen. Russell of Callahan. Dielmann. Faubion. Satterwhite. Harrington. Stiernberg. Strickland. Lackey. Lewis. Teer. Lusk. Turner. Melson. Wallace. Miller. Westbrook. Moore.

Mr. Culp offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend page 3, Section 16B, by striking out all after "solid rubber tires" and insert the following:

"Class 1, 1000-6000 pounds, pneumatic tires 21 cents, solid rubber tires 40 cents, per horsepower 15 cents; class 2, 4001-8000 pounds, pneumatic tires 28 cents, solid rubber tires 50 cents, per horsepower 15 cents; class 3, 8001-10,000 pounds, pneumatic tires 35 cents, solid rubber tires 60 cents, per horsepower 15 cents; class 4, 10,001-12,000 pounds, pneumatic tires 48 cents, solid rubber tires 80 cents, per horsepower 15 cents; class 5, 12,001-14,000 pounds, pneumatic tires 56 cents, solid rubber tires \$1, per horsepower 15 cents; class 6, 14,001-16,000 pounds, pneumatic tires 84 cents, solid rubber tires \$1.50, per horsepower 15c; class 7, 16,001-22,000, pneumatic tires \$1.12, solid rubber tires \$2, per horsepower 15 cents; class 8, 22,001 pounds and up, pneumatic tires \$2.80, solid rubber tires \$5, per horsepower 15 cents."

Question—Shall the amendment be adopted?

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills, received from the Senate today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

Senate bill No. 316, to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senate bill No. 141, to the Committee on Public Health.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Jennings, House bill No. 557 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Milam, Senate bill No. 301 was ordered not printed.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

H. B. No. 236, "An Act creating the Sour Lake Independent School District; defining its boundaries, including the present Sour Lake Independent School District; providing for a board of trustees, and the manner of their election; vesting title to all school property within said district in the board of trustees, and their successors in office; charging said district with the payment of all indebtedness of any and every nature whatsoever and the performance of all contracts of the schools that are included within said district; providing that the board of trustees hereof elected and now serving for the Sour Lake Independent School District, as now existing, shall continue in office for the district hereby created until the expiration of their terms of office and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified; authorizing the trustees to exercise all the rights and powers conferred by the general laws upon trustees of independent school districts created for school purposes under the general laws, and in addition thereto certain plenary powers; providing for the annexation of adjacent territory thereto; validating and continuing in force the maintenance tax heretofore voted by the voters in every territory included within the district hereby created until the voters in said district increase, diminish or abolish such taxes in accordance with the general laws; vesting authority in the board of trustees to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing school building sites or additional sites to the present sites, and erecting, altering or repairing, furnishing and equipping school buildings within said district; empowering the trustees to levy taxes therefor, and to pay current expenses for the support and maintenance of the schools; providing said district shall remain chargeable with its pro rata part of any outstanding bonded indebtedness heretofore voted by the Butson Independent School District in Hardin county, Texas, or any other school district whose territory is by this act encroached upon; providing that if any part of this act shall not be invalidated or vitiated; providing for the repeal of all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and

declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 395, "An Act providing more efficient road laws for Bexar county, conferring on the commissioners court of Bexar county control of all roads, bridges, drains, ditches, culverts, and all works incident to same; authorizing the employment of all necessary labor, teams, wagons and clerical help, and providing payment therefor; providing for road or ditch crossing wherever necessary, and the acquiring of land for same; authorizing the appointment of a county highway engineer, road superintendents and assistant engineers and other assistants, regulating the working of convicts, exempting all persons from road work and abolishing the office of road overseer, defining the word 'road'; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency, and expressly amending Section 17 thereof, and declaring an

emergency." H. B. No. 330, "An Act creating the Schwertner Independent School District in the county of Williamson, State of Texas; defining its boundaries, pro-viding for a board of trustees to control and manage the schools of the said district, divesting Common School District No. 48, of Williamson county, Texas, of the control of the free schools of the said district, and of the title, management and control of all property held, owned and controlled for public free school purposes therein and vesting the same in the said Schwertner Independent School District, and in the Statutes of the State of Texas, relating

board of trustees thereof; providing for the assessing and collecting of taxes; providing for the issuance of bonds; providing for the election of officers for the said school district; providing for the election of assessor and collector for said school district; providing for the erection of buildings and equipping same for school purposes, and assuming the payment of the outstanding bonded indebtedness of Common School District No. 48 of Williamson county, Texas,

and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 15, "An Act to repeal Chapter 118, of the Special and Local Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirtythird Legislature, as amended by Chapter 45, of the Special and Local Laws of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, authorizing and empowering Falls county or a political subdivision thereof to vote bonds for the purpose of constructing permanent roads; providing that nothing in this act shall affect pending litigation under said law; authorizing Falls county, Texas, or any political subdivision, or defined district thereof to issue road bonds under the provisions of the general law: validating bond elections heretofore held in certain defined road districts within said county, and declaring an emergency.'

H. B. No. 341, "An Act to create the Deats Independent School District in Kimble and Edwards counties, Texas, providing a board of trustees therefor, vesting said independent school district and board of trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred upon independent school districts incorporated under the general laws of Texas; providing that the board of trustees of the present school in said district shall continue to act as such until their successors are elected in accordance with the general laws of Texas, and de-

claring an emergency."

H. B. No. 171, "An Act to restore and confer upon the county court of Sutton county the civil and criminal jurisdiction belonging to said court under the Constitution and general statutes of Texas; to define the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to said change; to fix the time of holding court, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 11, "An Act to amend Article 151, Title 10, of the Revised to the writ for the apprehension of the persons who are lunatics or non compos mentis and their detention; prohibiting the incarceration of such persons in county jails in counties where city or county hospitals exist; providing that they shall be detained in such county or city hospitals, and declaring an emer-

H. B. No. 170, "An Act to abolish the Higgins Independent School District. created u nder the general laws of the State of Texas, and to incorporate the Higgins Independent School District to be within certain boundaries at and surrounding the town of Higgins, in Lipscomb county, with all powers, rights and privileges of independent school districts; to elect trustees, issue bonds, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 257, "An Act to amend Article 757, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1911, providing for the discharge of a jury in a felony case after it has been selected, and declaring

an emergency."

H. B. No. 13, "An Act providing for the licensing, bonding and regulating of private employment agents; limiting the fee charged by such agents; providing for the cancellation of such license; prescribing the duties of the Commissioner of Labor Statistics for the State of Texas with reference to the enforcement of this act; providing for recoveries on said bond; fixing penalties for the violation of this act; creating a special fund for the enforcement of this act. and appropriating same for said purposes; repealing certain laws and all laws or parts of laws in conflict here-

with, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 185, "An Act to provide for the printing of all proclamations and legal notices or other advertising matter, by the different institutions of the State, districts, counties and subdivisions thereof, and providing for maximum fees to be charged for said publications, and directing the manner of payment therefor, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 235, "An Act to amend Chapter 35, Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, being an act creating the Sudan Independent School District in the county of Lamb, State of Texas, by and by adding Section 12a thereto, pro- | emergency."

viding for the validation of certain bond issues, bond and maintenance taxes, and the election and acts of the officers of same, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 337, "An Act creating the Village Mills Independent School District of Hardin county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district and investing the said district with the rights, powers, authority, jurisdiction, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated for free school purposes only under the general laws, and

declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 64, "An Act to regulate the organization of the county courts of Dallas County at Law, and judges thereof, and to secure uniformity therein, by prescribing that the County Court of Dallas County at Law shall be called the County Court of Dallas County at Law No. 1; by fixing an equal number of terms of said courts, and prescribing that they commence on alternate months; to authorize the judges thereof to hold court for or with another; to prescribe a uniform qualification for the judges; prescribe what fees they shall collect and how they shall be paid into the county treasury; to requrie the oath of office, and remove the requirement of official bonds for judges; to continue the term of the County Court of Dallas County No. 2 to conform to this act; to validate process thereof and of the County Court of Dallas County at Law in conformity with this act; to repeal laws in conflict therewith, and to declare an emergency.

H. B. No. 110, "An Act to establish reciprocity between insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Texas and those of other States or foreign countries; imposing on such foreign insurance companies and their agents the same requirements, conditions and the payment of such sums of money, whether as taxes, license fees, fines, penalties or deposits of securities as may be required by the home State of such foreign insurance company or of companies organized in this State or the agents thereof, empowering the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking to refuse or cancel permits of foreign insurance companies where permits of Texas companies would amending Section 1 thereof so as to be refused or canceled in such foreign more accurately define its boundaries, State or territory, and declaring an

RECESS.

Mr. Davenport moved that the House recess until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Stewart of Jasper moved that the House recess to 8 o'clock p. m. today.

Mr. Kemble moved that the House recess until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow. Question first recurring on the mo-

tion of Mr. Kemble, it was lost.

Question next recurring on the motion of Mr. Davenport, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-85.

Amsler. Irwin. Arnold. Jennings. Atkinson. Johnson. Avis. Jones. Baker of Milam. Kemble. Baker of Orange. Laird. LeMaster. Barker. Barrett. LeStourgeon. Bell. McBride. Bird. McDaniel Bonham. McDonald. Brady. McNatt. Martin. Bryant. Burmeister. Merritt. Carpenter Morgan of Dallas. of Robertson. Carpenter Patman. of Matagorda. Perdue. Pinkston. Carter of Coke. Chitwood. Pool. Coffee. Pope. Collins. Potter. Davenport. Price. Davis. Purl. DeBerry. Quaid. Rice. Dinkle. Dodd. Robinson. Downs. Rogers. Duffey. Rowland. Dunlap. Sackett. Dunn. Sanford. Durham. Shires. Edwards. Simpson. Faubion. Smith. Fields. Sparkman. Fugler. Stell. Stewart of Reeves. Gipson. Green. Stroder. Harris. Sweet. Thompson. Henderson of Marion. Thrasher. Hendricks. Vaughan. Houston. Williamson. Howeth. Wilson. Hughes. Hull. Winfree.

Navs-33.

Baldwin. Abney.

Cable. Carson. Covey. Crawford. Culp. Finlay. Frnka. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Hardin of Kaufman. Henderson of McLennan. Jacks. Lamb. Lane.

Maxwell. Merriman. Montgomery. Morgan of Liberty. Russell of Trinity. Shearer. Stevens. Stewart of Edwards. Stewart of Jasper. Storey. Wells. Wessels. Wilmans. Young.

Mathes.

Absent.

Dielmann. Driggers.

McFarlane.

Loftin.

Looney. McKean.

Absent-Excused.

Beasley. Patterson. Quinn. Rountree. Blount. Bobbitt. Carter of Hays. Russell Cowen. of Callahan. Harrington. Satterwhite. Lackey. Stiernberg. Lewis. Strickland. Lusk. Teer. Melson. Turner. Miller. Wallace. Moore. Westbrook. Pate.

The House, accordingly, at 5:10 o'clock p. m., took recess until 9 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following committees have filed favorable reports on bills, as follows:

Judiciary-House bills Nos. 548, 530, 502, 553, 564; Senate bill No. 335.

Judicial Districts-House bill No.

565; Senate bill No. 158.

Criminal Jurisprudence—Senate bills Nos. 42, 83; House bills Nos. 403, 452, 446.

Conservation and Reclamation-House

bills Nos. 566, 538.

Roads, Bridges and Ferries—House bills Nos. 501, 465.

Privileges, Suffrage and Elections-

House bill No. 506.

No. 517.

Stock and Stock Raising-House bill No. 523.

Appropriations—Senate bill No. 135. Counties-House bill No. 556.

Education—House bills Nos. 562, 408, 574

Commerce and Manufactures-House bill No. 464.

Insurance-Senate bill No. 301. State Affairs-House bills Nos. 542. 492, 571, 572.

The following committees have filed unfavorable reports on bills, as follows:

Commerce and Manufactures-House bill No. 369.

Roads, Bridges and Ferries-House bill No. 230,

Judiciary-House bills Nos. 461, 541, **532**, 567, 526, 554.

Criminal Jurisprudence-House No. 534.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EN-GROSSED BILLS.

> Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 16, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 507, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Simmons Independent School District in Live Oak county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees; vesting title to all school property within said school district in the trustees and their successors; charging said district with all indebtedness and the performance of all contracts of the school included within the district; providing that the board of trustees heretofore elected and now serving the Simmons Common School District No. 2, as now existing, shall continue in office for the district hereby created until the expiration of their term and their successors shall have been elected and qualified; authorizing the trustees to exercise all the rights and powers conferred by general laws upon trustees of independent school districts created for school purposes only under the general laws; validating and continuing in force the local maintenance taxes heretofore voted by the voters in the ter-

Revenue and Taxation-House bill same, or until they abolish such taxes in accordance with the general statutes; providing that if any part of this act is held ineffective and unconstitutional the remaining part of this act shall not be invalidated; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,'

> And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 16, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and com-

H. B. No. 504, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Southland Independent School District in the counties of Garza, Lynn and Lubbock, in the State of Texas; defining the boundaries thereof; providing for a board of trustees, their election, terms of office, qualifications, powers, duties and authority; authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect taxes for maintenance and building purposes, and to issue bonds; providing for an assessor and collector of taxes and a board of equalization; providing that said Southland Independent School Distrist shall assume and discharge its prorata part of any and all bonds, indebtedness and interest thereon now in force against the Slaton Independent School District on terms named in this act; providing that said Southland Independent School District shall assume and discharge all bonds and indebtedness existing against any common school district whose lands are included within the boundaries of the district hereby created; validating and continuing in force any and all taxes heretofore voted and now in force in any of the territory included within the boundaries of Southland Independent School District as created by this act; providing that title to any and all property belonging to said district shall vest in the trustees of the independent school district hereby created; providing for filling vacancies on the board of trustees; providing for a seal for said district; providing that the board of trustees shall be governed by the general laws of Texas in all matters where this act is silent; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; proritory included within the district here- viding that invalidation by the courts by created, by a uniform tax upon the of any section or provision of this act

shall not invalidate any remaining provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 16, 1923.
Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and com-

nared

H. B. No. 38, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Adams Independent School District in San Patricio county, Texas, defining its boundaries, providing for the election of a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; vesting said district with all the powers, rights and duties of independent school districts created for free school purposes only; providing for the assumption by said district of all existing indebtedness of the territory embraced within the said district hereby created, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room.
Austin, Texas, February 16, 1923.
Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and com-

pared

H. B. No. 509, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Levelland Independent School District, in Hockley county, Texas; defining the boundaries thereof; providing for a board of trustees, their election, terms of office, qualifications, powers, duties and authority; authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect taxes for maintenance and building purposes, and to issue bonds; providing for an assessor and collector of taxes and a board of equalization; providing that said Levelland Independent School District shall assume and discharge its pro rata part of the bonds and interest thereon now in force against the Ropes Independent School District on terms named in this act as well as its pro rata part of other indebtedness; continuing valid and binding obligations of said Ropes Independent School District; validating and continuing in force any

and all taxes heretofore voted and now in force in any of the territory included within the boundaries of Levelland Independent School District as created by this act; providing that title to any and all property belonging to said district shall vest in the trustees of the independent school district hereby created; providing for filling vacancies on the board of trustees; providing for a seal for said district; providing that the board of trustees shall be governed by the general laws of Texas in all matters where this act is silent; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; providing that invalidation by the courts of any section or provision of this act shall not invalidate any remaining provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 16, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 505, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the Special Road Law for Smith county, Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, and known as Chapter 70, Special Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, by providing that delinquent poll tax payers of Smith county shall be subject to road duty; prescribing penalties for failure to work the roads; providing for the payment of a sum of money in lieu of such road duty; providing how the law is to be enforced, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 16, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 279, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2771, Revised Statutes, 1911, as amended by the Thirty-fifth Legislature, Chapter 160, reducing the amount of bond required of depositories of independent districts,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1923. Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 478, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent school district to be known as the Riverdale Independent School District in Goliad county, and to provide for a board of trustees and other officers of such district, to authorize the board of trustees to levy and assess and collect special taxes, and to issue and dispose of bonds of such district for the purpose of purchasing echool sites and erecting, repairing, furnishing and equipping school buildings within the same, and to pay current expenses in the maintenance and support of the public schools therein, and to further prescribe the duties and authority of the board of trustees, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 17, 1923. Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 292, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 87 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and amendments thereof, and by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 138, and providing that the board of directors of a water improvement district may exclude from same, without requiring an application therefor, lands which cannot be irrigated by gravity flow from the canal system as planned and constructed, and if the owner of such lands shall thereafter and within one year elect to place said lands or part thereof in cultivation by use of water from said irrigation system by means other than provided at the time said lands were excluded, same may be again included in said district upon the application of the owner thereof made as provided by law, providing the manner of excluding and again including such lands in a district, also amending said act by amending Section 8, of Chapter 13, of the Acts of the Thirtyseventh Legislature, Regular Session,

which act amended said Chapter 87, Acts of Regular Session, Thirty-fifth Legislature, as amended by said Section 8, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, and provides the manner and mode of levying and assessing taxes by such district which may adopt the assessment of benefit plan of taxation, and that such districts may, by election, adopt a uniform basis of benefits applying to all lands irrigated by gravity flow from the canal system, and for a different basis of assessment on uniform basis on all lands classed as non-irrigable by gravity flow, and providing that if lands so classed as non-irrigable are thereafter irrigated, the method of determining the amount of payments to be made thereon; the manner of adopting such assessments by election, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 17, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 514, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 38, of Chapter 42, General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, relative to public roads and highways, so as to except and exempt from the provisions of said chapter the county of Cherokee, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 17, 1923. Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared.

H. B. No. 528, A bill to be entitled "An Act taking certain territory from Common School District No. 16 of Baylor county and annexing the same to and making it part of Common School District No. 15 of Baylor county, and taking the remainder of the territory of said Common School District No. 16 and annexing the same unto Megargel Independent School District of Archer

county, and creating the said Megargel Independent School District into a county line independent school district; conferring upon the same the powers now enjoyed by said Megargel Independent School District, and in addition thereto all of the powers which may be enjoyed or exercised by a county line independent school district; and providing for an election to adjust the territory thus attached to said common school district, and the territory thus attached to said independent school district, as to taxes which may be now levied upon said common school district and upon the property of said independent school district, and for an assumption by the said common school district and by said independent school district, respectively, of the pro rata taxes payable by said added territory on account of any outstanding bond issues which may exist against said common school district and against said independent school district and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 16, 1923. Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 177, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5645, Chapter 4, Title 86, Revised Statutes of 1911, Chapter 152, of the General Laws of 1897, Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, same being an act to protect accountants, operatives, servants, mechanics, quarrymen, common laborers and farm hands; to provide a lien and preserve a time of payment in lawful money of the United States and prescribing the duty of the assignee or assignees of such persons or persons, employer, firm or corporation, by changing the time when a duplicate account shall be presented to employer, person, firm or corporation from thirty to ninety days and by changing the time of filing the other duplicate accounts with the county clerk from thirty days to ninety days; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 16, 1923.
Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 455, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Chapter 96 of the Special Law passed at the Third Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and now recreating the Sharp Independent School District in Milam county, Texas, and placing said district under the general laws governing the school districts incorporated for school purposes only, under the general laws of Texas; providing for a board of trustees; providing that act shall not invalidate local school taxes heretofore voted by the previously existing Common School District No. 76 of Milam county, nor of the previous Sharp Independent School District, and declaring emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 15, 1923. Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 287, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that a water improvement district which has made and filed an application with the State Board of Water Engineers for the appropriation and use of water on certain defined lands and for the storage of the water of a stream and watershed and shall have been granted a permit therefor by the State Board of Water Engineers, and parts of said land for which such water was appropriated for irrigation are not included within such district granted such permit, but is included within another district, the said district to which said permit was granted may convey same and all rights granted by said permit in so far as same pertain to said lands to the district in which said lands are located, validating such permits, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 16, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 468, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Ninety-second Judicial District of Texas, and fixing its boundaries, and providing for two district courts in said district, one in Stephens county and the other in Young county; defining and declaring the jurisdiction of said courts, respectively, and prescribing the duration of said district, and that in Young county the district attorney of the Thirtieth Judicial District shall act as district attorney of said new district; providing for a clerk of each such new court, and for compensation of such district attorney and of such clerks; providing for return to such new courts of process, writs and bonds, and for transfer and re-transfer of causes and actions, motions and matters to and from the dockets of such new courts, respectively; validating certain outstanding process and writs; Stephens detaching \mathbf{and} removing county from the Forty-second Judicial District of Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 15, 1923. Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 456, A bill to be entitled "An Act transferring certain lands from Johnson Independent School District in Terry county, Texas, to and making same a part of Harris Common School District No. 18 in Terry county, Texas; providing that the county school trustees of Terry county shall redefine the boundaries of said Johnson Independent School District and Harris Common School District No. 18 and cause correct field notes of each of said districts to be recorded in the proper records of Terry county, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 15, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 508, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3 of an act creating the Poteet Independent School District in Atascosa county, Texas, being Chapter 23 of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, Regular Session; providing for the management and control of the public free schools within said district, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 15, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 244, A bill to be entitled "An Act to relieve various schools of the State by validating certain school districts, and where such districts have undertaken to provide for the issuance of schoolhouse bonds, or the levying of special taxes for any lawful school purposes, by proceedings not otherwise invalid; validating such bond issues and taxes, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 15, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 494, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a special road law for Fayette county; providing for a systematic system of road maintenance in harmony with the Davidson-Perkins Patrol Act; adapting the patrol system to the special wants of the county; providing for a budget system for the road and bridge funds of the county; authorizing and directing the commissioners court to employ a practical road superintendent when in their judgment his services are necessary, and in the absence of such road superintendent making the

commissioners such ex-officio road superintendent of his respective commissioners precinct; prescribing the duties and liabilities of all persons subject to road duty; fixing penalties for the violation or neglect of such duty so imposed; providing that the act shall be cumulative to existing laws where not in conflict therewith; providing for power and procedure for the protection of roads and highways against unusually heavy traffic, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 15, 1923. Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 353, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe a closed season for the hunting of blue quail or scaled quail in Lampasas county, Texas, and to provide adequate penalites for the unlawful taking, slaughter, storage or possession of same; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 15, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and com-

H. B. No. 234, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Springlake Independent School District in Lamb county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the trustees thereof; providing for the election of its first board of trustees and their successors; providing that certain territory taken away from the Sudan Independent School District in Lamb county, Texas, and placed within the Springlake Independent School District shall remain chargeable with its pro rata part of any bonded indebtedness heretofore voted in said Sudan In-

dependent School District; and providing that the Springlake Independent School District as herein created may as a whole vote to assume such pro rata part of said bonds; providing for the appointment of a board of equalization and tax assessor and collector for said district, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

THIRTIETH DAY,

(Continued.)

(Tuesday, February 20, 1923.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a.m. and was called to order by Speaker Seagler.

HOUSE BILL NO. 361 ON ENGROSS-MENT.

The House resumed consideration of

pending business, same being

H. B. No. 361, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 16, of Chapter 190, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, as amended by Section 2, of Chapter 71, of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirtyfifth Legislature, as amended by Section - Chapter 113, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, as amended by Chapter 131, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, as amended by Chapter 52, of the General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, providing for and increasing the annual license fees on motor vehicles; providing for applications for registration; providing for annual license fees for trailers and semi-trailers and tractors; providing penalties for failure to comply with the provisions of this act; providing certain described vehicles shall not be licensed or operated on public roads; providing for exceptions and special permits; amending Section 3, of Chapter 73, of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 113, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, relating to disposition of fees collected hereunder; providing for maintenance by the State and declaring increased fees primarily a trust fund for such maintenance; providing that in